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RATE OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT ABOVE AVERAGE IN MAINE

DURING 1984, ABOUT 7.1 PERCENT OR 439,000 OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS IN BOSTON. REGIONAL RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT WERE LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS. NATIONALLY, 8.9 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1984. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

WORKERS WERE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE SELF-EMPLOYED IN THE THREE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES THAN IN THE THREE SOUTHERN STATES. IN 1984, TWO NEW ENGLAND STATES, MAINE AND VERMONT, HAD WELL-ABOVE-AVERAGE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES. IN MAINE, WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST RATE IN THE REGION, 11.2 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED. IN VERMONT, 10.6 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOYED DURING 1984 WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 9.0 PERCENT RATE WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE 8.9 PERCENT NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED--6.3, 6.3 AND 5.8 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY--WAS WELL BELOW THE U.S. AVERAGE.

AS EXPECTED, A MUCH LARGER PERCENTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS THAN NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE SELF-EMPLOYED. NATIONALLY, ABOUT 47 PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE REGIONALLY THE PERCENTAGE WAS MUCH LOWER WITH ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1984. HOWEVER, ONLY 3.2 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE U.S., AND 1.0 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND, IS IN AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT RATES FOR NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE MUCH LOWER--7.7 PERCENT NATIONALLY AND 6.7 PERCENT IN THE REGION DURING 1984. MAINE, WITH 10.6 PERCENT OF NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS SELF-EMPLOYED LAST YEAR, LED THE REGION IN THIS CATEGORY. VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE ALSO HAD ABOVE-AVERAGE PERCENTAGES OF WORKERS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES AT 9.4 AND 8.5 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. EVEN AMONG NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS, THE THREE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES OF MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND RECORDED SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT THAN THE THREE NORTHERN STATES AND THE NATION.

ALTHOUGH DETAILED HISTORICAL DATA ON THE SELF-EMPLOYED FOR THE NEW ENGLAND STATES IS NOT AVAILABLE, NATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT A STEADY UPWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS BEGAN AROUND 1970. BETWEEN 1976 AND 1984, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED AMERICANS INCREASED BY NEARLY 25 PERCENT. ALL OF THIS INCREASE TOOK PLACE IN NONAGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT. DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD, TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN THE NATION INCREASED BY LESS THAN 19 PERCENT.

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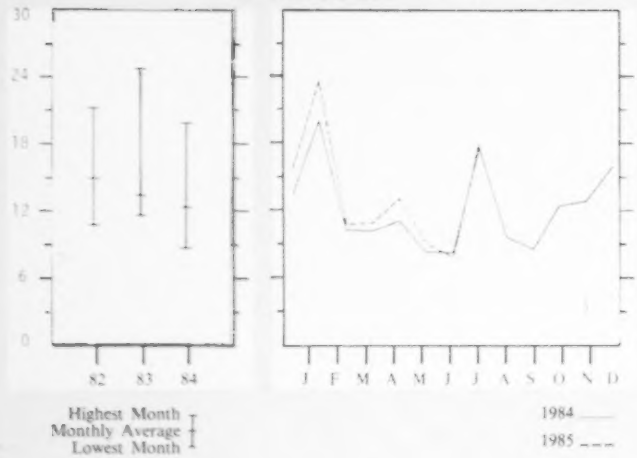
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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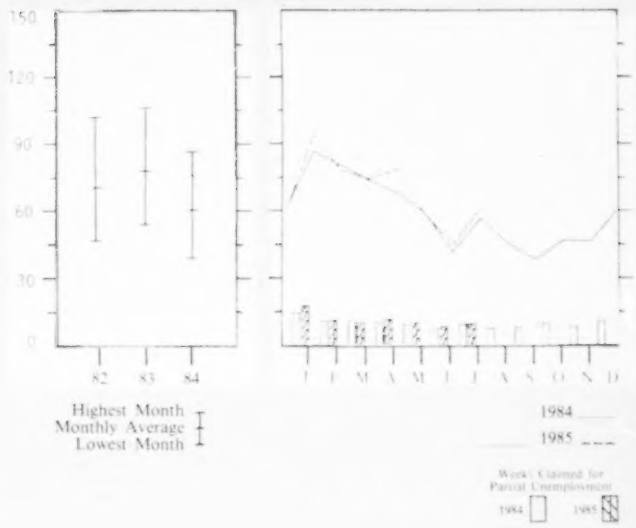


PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYED WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED,
NEW ENGLAND STATES AND UNITED STATES--1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

STATE	TOTAL EMPLOYED (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENT SELF-EMPLOYED
CONNECTICUT	1,595	6.3%
MAINE	518	11.2
MASSACHUSETTS	2,905	6.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE	498	9.0
RHODE ISLAND	463	5.8
VERMONT	255	10.6
NEW ENGLAND	6,237	7.1
UNITED STATES	105,005	8.9

PERCENT OF TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYED WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED,
NEW ENGLAND STATES AND UNITED STATES--1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

STATE	TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT SELF-EMPLOYED
CONNECTICUT	1,581	6.1%
MAINE	509	10.6
MASSACHUSETTS	2,879	6.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	492	8.5
RHODE ISLAND	460	5.7
VERMONT	245	9.4
NEW ENGLAND	6,167	6.7
UNITED STATES	101,685	7.7

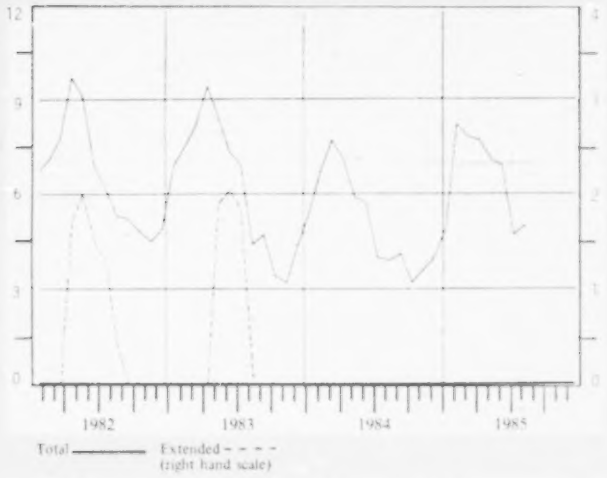
SOURCE: AN AUGUST 9, 1985 NEWS RELEASE ENTITLED "7.1 PERCENT OF NEW ENGLANDERS SELF-EMPLOYED IN 1984, COMPARED TO 8.9 PERCENT NATIONWIDE" PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

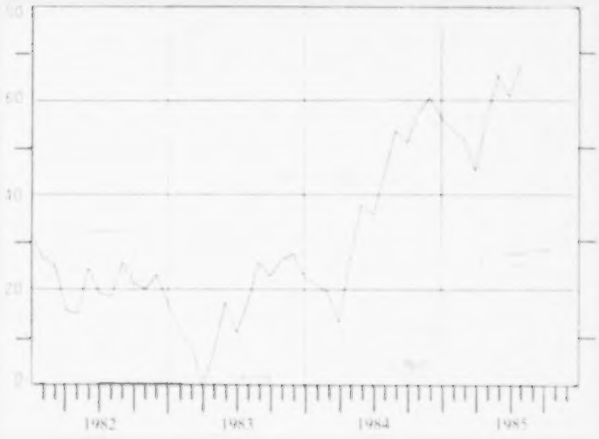
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

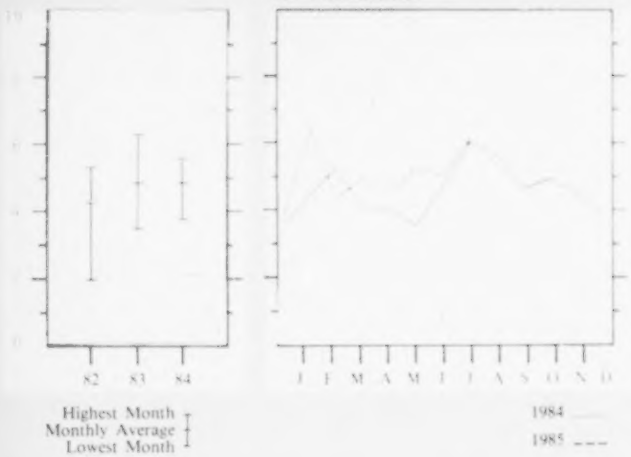
ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	462.6	461.5	459.1	106.9	107.1	105.9	36.1	35.7	34.8
Total Manufacturing	59.0	107.2	107.4	15.0	16.2	14.9	9.8	11.6	10.2
Durable Goods	79.3	84.5	84.5	9.3	9.3	9.2	2.6	1.6	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.7	13.8	14.0	2.5	2.6	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.9	3.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.1	3.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.2	9.0	9.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	6.9	6.5	6.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	1.8	2.7	2.5	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	59.6	63.0	62.9	5.7	6.9	5.4	1.7	1.6	1.4
Food and Kindred Products	9.2	9.2	9.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Textile Mill Products	9.3	9.5	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.1
Apparel	4.7	4.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Paper and Allied Products	16.3	16.2	16.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Printing and Publishing	4.7	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.1	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Leather and Leather Products	14.2	15.2	15.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.0	12.5	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Other Leather Products	1.2	2.7	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.4	1.1	4.9	5.4	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	363.6	358.3	351.7	91.9	90.9	91.0	26.3	25.5	24.7
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	*
Contract Construction	24.2	23.3	22.5	6.2	6.1	5.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.0	20.0	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.9	20.8	21.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Retail Trade	91.5	90.0	90.5	23.0	22.1	22.6	6.7	6.6	6.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.0	20.9	20.0	9.4	9.2	8.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Services	103.2	96.1	96.0	29.6	28.1	27.7	9.2	8.3	8.1
Government	80.4	84.4	78.6	13.1	13.9	12.4	3.1	3.6	3.2
Federal	19.7	18.5	18.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	61.7	65.9	60.6	11.4	12.0	10.5	3.0	3.3	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

New Applications For Work

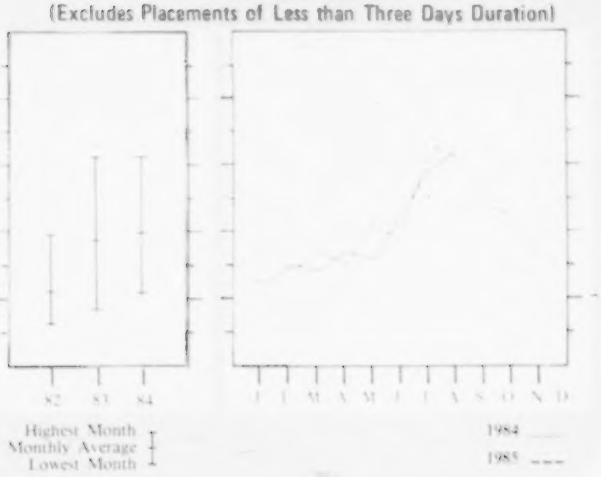
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.65	$337.08	$323.89	40.1	40.7	39.5	$8.22	$8.28	$8.20	$8.09	$7.91	$7.68
Durable Goods	346.24	357.75	339.97	40.8	41.3	39.9	8.49	8.66	8.52	8.42	8.24	7.99
Lumber and Wood Products	306.19	311.07	316.23	40.9	39.9	39.5	7.49	7.80	8.01	7.85	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	376.31	382.13	381.78	40.4	39.1	40.7	9.31	9.78	9.38	9.04	8.78	8.62
Machinery, except Electrical	360.22	375.80	337.79	40.2	42.0	42.3	8.96	8.95	7.98	8.86	8.60	8.34
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	287.51	307.38	293.76	39.4	39.7	41.3	7.30	7.74	7.11	7.58	7.21	6.92
Other Durable Goods	290.33	290.27	300.12	42.3	39.3	40.2	6.86	7.39	7.47	7.37	7.31	6.84
Nondurable Goods	317.69	317.75	314.58	40.2	40.2	39.8	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.80	7.63	7.43
Food and Kindred Products	246.05	249.00	232.36	39.1	39.9	38.8	6.29	6.24	5.99	6.26	6.27	6.04
Textile Mill Products	288.11	278.36	281.79	39.8	41.4	40.7	7.24	6.72	6.93	6.74	6.67	6.49
Apparel	227.68	207.19	196.83	40.5	38.4	36.9	5.62	5.40	5.34	5.64	5.58	5.43
Paper and Allied Products	530.68	540.00	511.24	44.2	44.3	44.2	12.01	12.20	11.57	11.72	11.35	10.90
Leather and Leather Products	228.73	224.30	216.84	37.5	36.0	35.4	6.01	6.23	6.13	6.08	5.89	5.56
Other Nondurable Goods	294.28	296.08	279.66	39.1	38.0	38.5	7.56	7.82	7.26	7.51	7.60	7.13
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	351.44	366.80	335.70	39.2	39.1	38.8	8.71	8.97	8.60	8.56	8.37	7.93
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	275.24	283.47	262.79	39.8	40.3	39.2	6.81	6.87	6.64	6.58	6.36	6.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	Dec. Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	651.2	651.1	646.3
Unemployed	17.9	18.1	22.3
(Percent)	2.7	2.7	3.4
Resident Employed	633.3	633.0	624.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Low Dec.
1967=100 All Items	327.8	327.1	311.7	115.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.4

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	661.[illegible]	671.[illegible]	666.[illegible]	643.[illegible]	648.[illegible]	637.[illegible]	17.[illegible]	23.[illegible]	29.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	4.[illegible]
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	40.[illegible]	40.[illegible]	41.[illegible]	38.[illegible]	38.[illegible]	38.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
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OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
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Rockland	19.[illegible]	19.[illegible]	19.[illegible]	19.[illegible]	19.[illegible]	19.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
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Sanford	13.[illegible]	13.[illegible]	13.[illegible]	12.[illegible]	12.[illegible]	12.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	8.[illegible]	7.[illegible]	7.[illegible]
Sebago Lakes Region	12.[illegible]	12.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	4.[illegible]
Skowhegan	22.[illegible]	22.[illegible]	22.[illegible]	20.[illegible]	21.[illegible]	21.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	9.[illegible]	7.[illegible]	10.[illegible]
Southwest Penobscot	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	0.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	8.[illegible]	10.[illegible]
Waterville	27.[illegible]	27.[illegible]	27.[illegible]	25.[illegible]	25.[illegible]	25.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	6.[illegible]
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	n/a	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	n/a	9[illegible]	1[illegible]	n/a	5.[illegible]	8.[illegible]
Massachusetts	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	13[illegible]	12[illegible]	13[illegible]	4.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
New Hampshire	59[illegible]	59[illegible]	57[illegible]	62[illegible]	60[illegible]	59[illegible]	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	3.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
Rhode Island	50[illegible]	50[illegible]	49[illegible]	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	45[illegible]	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	3[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	6.[illegible]
Vermont	31[illegible]	31[illegible]	31[illegible]	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	n/a	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	n/a	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	n/a	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]
UNITED STATES 4/	117.[illegible]	118.[illegible]	116.[illegible]	106.[illegible]	107.[illegible]	107.[illegible]	10.[illegible]	10.[illegible]	8.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,204	9,148	15,186	1,387	922	1,727	1,921	907	2,595
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.9	2.3	3.9	1.5	1.0	1.9	3.5	2.6	7.5

* Should not be confused with monthly insured unemployment rate as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

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PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.9	8.6	10.9
Clerical and Sales	17.6	16.0	20.3
Service	10.0	9.6	11.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.9	3.5	1.9
Processing	4.6	5.6	4.9
Machine Trades	14.2	13.0	13.2
Benchwork	16.9	16.8	10.2
Structural Work	10.2	11.9	12.9
Miscellaneous	12.7	14.0	13.8

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.6	59.2	56.2
Under 22	7.0	6.3	6.2
22-24	9.6	9.8	10.3
25-34	29.3	30.8	29.3
35-39	11.6	12.3	10.4
Total 40 and Over	42.4	40.8	43.8
40-44	9.6	9.3	7.9
45-54	12.1	12.4	14.0
55-64	10.1	10.2	13.2
65 and Over	10.6	9.2	10.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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